

London 'must get eco act together'

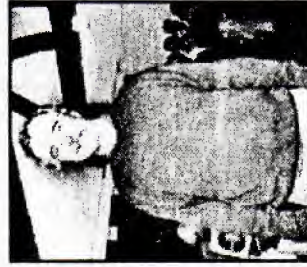
LONDONERS are using so much fuel and producing so much waste that the city is unsustainable in the long term, a leading ecologist has warned.

Herbert Girardet, who was speaking after a screening of his film *Metropolis*, said better information or "eco-feed-back" was the key to reducing the damage being done to London, Britain and the rest of the planet.

"If we had heat meters somewhere very accessible, telling us not only how much energy we were using but how much it was costing, it would immediately make people think about what it would mean to have more energy-efficient light bulbs, for example," he said.

Metropolis, commissioned and shown by Channel 4 earlier this year for World Environment Day, was screened at a meeting of Muswell Hill Friends of the Earth last week.

With a raft of figures



● Herbert Girardet: city using too much fuel and making too much waste.

about fuel and food consumption in London, it paints a picture of a city sucking in more and more natural resources without replenishment.

Mr Girardet said that under an agreement signed by the Government at the Earth Summit in Rio, local authorities were committed to developing a strategy for sustainable development by 1996.

"If London doesn't get its act together as a result of this then the rest of the country can forget it," he said.

MacGregor demonstrators are acquitted of disorder

NINE M11 protesters who draped a 25ft picture of a motorway on the roof of former Transport Secretary John MacGregor's Muswell Hill home were last Thursday cleared of disorderly conduct by magistrates.

The banner, with the slogan "Returned to sender, love Claremont Road, E11" was "a symbolic role reversal" of what had happened in the East End, demonstrator Mark Johnston told Haringey court.

"We wanted it to represent homes being smashed into in the early hours of the morning," he said. Hence the 6.40am start of the protest.

Magistrate Stephen Day said he was "impressed" by the nine's behaviour in court, adding that he was not there to comment on the M11 nor would he define "the boundaries of legitimate protest".

He was satisfied the protest was peaceful and there was "no evidence anyone was disturbed in any way".

He ordered that the demonstrators' costs be paid from public funds.

Anthony Jennings, defending, earlier told the court that residents even made tea for the demonstrators, passing it up through the MacGregor's home via police.

DEATHS

PAPPWORTH, Maurice. On October 12th, peacefully at home. Sadly missed by his daughters and grandchildren. Memorial service at Hampstead Synagogue, Dennington Park Road, London NW6, on Wednesday 23rd November at 6.30pm.

ROMILLY, Irene May. May 1915 to August 1994. Rest in Peace Mama. Roc-Mil-Lys - Rock-of-Lilies Motto: Persevere, she certainly did. Funeral service to take place at Hampstead Cemetery on Thursday 27th October at 2.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries to Levertson & Sons 071-485 1268 or 071-267 5540.

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